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By
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St George Budapest and West Adelaide Hellas are bidding for star Heidelberg striker Stuart Stevenson.

Stevenson wouldn't confirm this, however sources at both clubs revealed last week that he was their prime target for 1986.

Not that West Adelaide Hellas will stop at Stevenson. Hellas' coach, Ned Moneghetti attended the Southern Division Grand Final in September and is believed to have approached transfer listed South Melbourne star Doug Brown and a couple of other top Melbourne-based players.

Two other Sydney clubs have made tentative approaches for Stevenson who put in a transfer request to the Heidelberg committee a month ago and is waiting to find out how much money is on his head and whether he will have hassles leaving.

"I've been told that Heidelberg only can ask for expenses they've outlaid on me so I don't expect my transfer fee to be any more than \$10,000," said Stevenson, in his second season with Heidelberg since arriving from Scotland.

With Stevenson, Stevenson is a real bargain. No wonder so many clubs are interested in securing his striking talents.

Stevenson continued to hedge when I asked him if he'd prefer a move to Sydney rather than Adelaide.

"If I was to get a concrete offer from Sydney I'd have to really consider it. If a player wants to further himself then Sydney's probably his best bet. If you show that you can perform up there then people sit up and take notice."

Stevenson saw a specialist last week about the cartilage trouble he's carried through the recently completed season but was relieved to find out that surgery won't be needed.

"I've got a slightly torn cartilage but the specialist told me it will clear up in a month provided I rest. I've been training three nights a week and playing on the weekends so I haven't had a chance to rest it."

Stevenson is ambitious and confident in his ability to make his mark in Australian soccer, even though he hasn't had a great year in 1985.

"Good strikers work in pairs and I haven't really had a striking partner all year. Theo Selemidis is a good player but he's not a striker. Steve Winn had one of those seasons when nothing would go right for him while Scotty Patterson had too many hassles with the club and eventually was ditched."

"Wherever I go, I want to have a striking partner. All the good sides have that. Heidelberg hasn't."

The Sydney saga may take a new twist today and he may stay in Melbourne after all, but not with Heidelberg. One of the other leading Melbourne-based NSL clubs contacted me last week and gave them Stevenson's phone number. No doubt once officials of that club read this story they'll be in touch with Stevenson in a flash.



• Stuart Stevenson

England's big five also want super league



• Juventus midfielder Fabio Incentalupo, who scored twice on Sunday, is floored by George Cross defender Tyrone James (right). Picture: LES SHORROCK.

By Craig MacKenzie

• This Sunday's Ricoh Dockerty Cup semi-finals, with likely winners in capitals:

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GREEN GULLY V Preston
Makedonia at 1.15pm, fol-
lowed by BRUNSWICK JU-
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would be available to play for Ju-
ventus and Preston Makedonia re-
spectively in the Dockerty semi-
finals. Their presence certainly would be

a big boost to their team's chances of reaching the final.

Most pundits expect Makedonia to beat Green Gully at Olympic Park in the first semi-final at 1.15pm on Sunday and set up a repeat of this year's Southern Division Grand Final clash with Ju- ventus.

Although this is Makedonia's last chance to win something this year, I expect underdog Green Gully to triumph.

Makedonia is a shadow of the side which proved itself a power in the NSW last season. Michael Dunn and Steve Smith are out injured, Gordon Flavel is transfer-listed and, of course, there's doubt about Dunn's availability.

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Olympic-Marrickville?

Sydney Olympic will push for amalgamation with Canterbury-Marrickville if Tom Doumanis succeeds Jim Petenellis as Olympic's president.

"If we want to have a top team representing the Greek community of Sydney, then Olympic and Canterbury have to amalgamate," Doumanis said this week.

"Both clubs rely on financial support from the Greek community, but how deeply are our supporters dig into their pockets?"

"If we both expect a high level of financial contributions from them in the National League, we may both suffer."

Canterbury has won the right to promotion by finishing at the top of the NSW State League.

Everything depends, however, on what form the 1986 NSW will take. If it reverts to a 14-team league, Canterbury may not win a spot.

Doumanis, a solicitor, is Sydney Olympic's secretary at the moment.

He is among the candidates seeking to succeed Petenellis, who will relinquish the presidency due to ill health. The elections are on November 10.

Although he now favors amalgamation with Canterbury, Doumanis was among those who opposed the

move last time it came up. His objection at the time revolved around Canterbury's licensed club at Brighton Sands. He suggested both Canterbury and Olympic should move to a neutral licensed club elsewhere, but the suggestion gained no support.

Despite reports that Olympic was trying to lure John Margaritis from Juventus, Olympic has re-appointed Manfred Schaefer, who has done the job with great distinction over the past two years.

Captain Peter Raskopoulos is talking about moving to Western Australia with his parents but, according to Doumanis, Olympic will make him an offer he would find difficult to refuse.

And the club intends to re-sign top players Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzis, Tony Dakaris and Graham Jenkins, most of whom have expired. Mervyn Rogers has been released to play in England during the Australian off-season, but will rejoin Olympic in 1986.

Doumanis said Olympic also would try to sign a top striker and a midfielder from within Australia.

Asked to name them, Doumanis said: "We're only after the best — someone of the calibre of Oscar Crino, Charlie Egan, Jim Patikas, David Mitchell ... that type of player."

"We've been promised funds — a six-figure sum — from a group of supporters to buy players for next season."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

By MARK LEVER in London
and LAURIE SCHWAB

England's glamor clubs, like their Australian counterparts, are pushing for a "super league".

Just as Australia's most powerful 14 clubs want to play each other in a revamped league next season, so England's big five — Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal — say they are ready to quit the Football League.

The "Daily Mirror" reported last week that these clubs plan to invite 13 or 14 other crowd-pullers from the First and Second Divisions to join them next season in a new competition.

Chairman of the five would not comment on the report, which followed rumors within football circles that at least a skeletal breakaway plan had been drawn up.

Meanwhile, NSL chairman Sam Papasavas said a Council of Clubs meeting was planned for October 18, to decide on the 1986 league format.

The latest development, at a meeting in Sydney last week, is that APIA, at least, is willing to play in the Southern Division if the two-division format is retained. Reports that either Sydney Croatia or Sydney Hakoah would be willing to do likewise, so that the two Brisbane clubs could move to the Northern Division, remain unconfirmed.

APIA's position is precarious. Penrith is pushing ahead with legal action over what it claims were irregularities in the awarding of points and rulings on players' eligibility. If Penrith is successful, it could retain its NSL membership, while APIA is relegated.

The game's struggle for financial stability in England over the past decade in the face of mushrooming player payments and growing commercialism has seen the idea of a rebel league surface several times.

However, it is being taken more seriously this time as clubs are faced with a dramatic plunge in gates due to last season's crowd violence and the tough new measures to combat it, such as drink bans and all-ticket matches.

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Branko Culina's tops

• Branko Culina (pictured) of St Albans Dinamo finished third while with Northcote in 1983 and second to Jim MacLean in 1984. Finally it was his turn to win the Victorian Rothmans Medal last Friday night.

It was a fitting birthday present. He had turned 28 three days earlier.

MacLean of Morwell Falcons, finished second.

Culina, a skilful midfielder or forward, is in his third stint with St Albans Dinamo, and also is the first Australian-born player to win the medal.

It was in 1974 that he had his first season with St Albans, moving from there to Melbourne Croatia where he played from 1975 to 1980.

He moved to Sydney Croatia in 1980, Blacktown, in the NSL in 1981, back to St Albans in 1982, Northcote in 1983 and back to St Albans yet again in 1984.

Frank Arok philosopher

Maclean takes
Fleming Medal

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APIA LEICHHARDT'S 1985 NSL SQUAD: Back row (l to r): Kerry Caban, Mark Brown, Vince Colagiuri, Bob Catlin, Bob Parks (moved to South Australia). Ian Rowden, Arno Bertogna, Berti Mariani. Front row: Frank Casacchia, Tony Morsello, Tony Genovese, Robbie De Ceglie, Terry Butler, Carlo Spina. Absent: Tommy McCulloch, Jimmy Hamilton, Glenn Sterrey, Tom Steven, Louis Dounis, Howard Tredinnick, Jim McBride.

Here's the APIA squad that now comes under Rale Rasic's control:

Butler the veteran

on APIA's books, following their 1979 merger with Wests, then joined Sydney Olympic. Work commitments saw him quit soccer for two seasons prior to his return with APIA.

TERRY BUTLER: midfielder and club captain, 32. An institution who has been with the club for more than 20 years and played in the champion team of the mid-1970s. Has the desire to take control of a team from his central midfield position. Played under Rasic in national team, 1972.

BOBBIE DE CEGLIE: midfielder, 22, signed from Marconi for \$22,000 this year. Former Australian Youth team captain who was a senior Socceroo on last year's world tour. Hasn't produced his best form in his debut season for APIA, but was hindered in mid-season by a knee injury.

JIMMY HAMILTON: midfielder, 30, signed from Scottish Second Division club Queen's Park the South early in the season. Another player who was hindered by injury in his first season with APIA, but was in good form in the latter half of the competition. Played in Australia with Newcastle KB United in 1982 but then returned to his native Scotland.

TONY STEVEN: midfielder signed from Manly in mid-season. Played professionally in Scotland before joining NSW State League club North Sydney in 1981. Quickly snapped up by Sydney Croatia, then joined Manly in 1984. Given a free

transfer by Manly in mid-season when that club experienced financial difficulties.

KERRY CABAN: striker, 26, signed from Northern NSW club Lake Macquarie in 1984, a strong, bustling striker who gets through a ton of work. This is only his second National League season previously only having played in the North NSW First Division.

TONY MORSOLO: left striker, 26, a player who came through the junior ranks with APIA after a season in State League with Inter Monaro in 1980, returned to APIA to establish himself as a regular NSW player.

TONY GENOVESE: 20, from APIA juniors. Has always been on the fringe of the NSW team but has a knack of scoring goals as a substitute.

VINCE COLAGIURI: striker, highly promising, scored freely in the year.

HOWARD TREDINNICK: former Socceroo who broke his leg in his first game after being signed from Melita Eagles.

It's good to see Rale Rasic back at top level coaching. His cherubic smile, Slavic good looks and disarming use of the English language without any reliance on such aids as the definite and indefinite articles, 'the', 'a' and 'an' have been missed.

For too long he was buried in the labyrinths of junior soccer at Canterbury with only rare opportunities to surface publicly, on SBS-TV, there to chastise players of 'his' national team.

Because, as long as he lives, Rale will, subconsciously or otherwise, regard the Socceroos as his team, his babies and his creation; the intoxicating days of 1973 and



Andrew Dettre

1974 will, like a gigantic hangover, accompany him to the grave.

present abysmally low standard.

Despite the many brave and loyal statements by Bottalico during the season, the present squad is simply not good enough to wear the illustrious APIA colors, inherited from the even more illustrious FC Torino.

Just how much money the club can or is willing to splash on new players is better known to them.

What they must decide is whether, in their opinion, a good APIA team could bring back the absent fans or not.

We can argue about this question for ever but all opinions remain hypotheses until proved.

There are not very many clubs in Australian soccer which could find it rewarding, or at least justified to spend big money on its team in the hope of recouping it at the top, as in the past.

It's huge, once passionate band of supporters has melted like gelato in the sun; the team's continuous mediocrity, the overall loss of soccer's appeal and the gradual shift of Italian migrants into more middle-class pursuits have left their mark.

In Rasic, they will get an excellent coach, a very good organiser, a disciplinarian and a brilliant PR man who can charm almost anybody except Arthur George into submission.

Just how successful he will be at APIA depends, to a very large extent, on the type of support he will be given.

APIA's main problem in recent years has been its poor soccer organisation, the weak link between a capable president, Nick Papallo, and the team.

Some of the people who have, in recent years, tried to 'run' the club's soccer were not quite in the category of their predecessors in the Baytler era.

So Rasic will need a much stronger back-up organisation than was given to Fil Bottalico.

In all probabilities, Rasic will also need some money to spend on new players — if APIA wants to rise above its

present abysmally low standard.

For the past two years or so Frank Arok has been drilling his team — practically the same team — to learn the art of not losing.

I just cannot see them crumbling all of a sudden against Israel. Don't be surprised if another scoreless draw is the outcome.

• Rale Rasic



• Peter Katholos, in action for Australia.

Katholos lifts Larissa
Peter Katholos has played in Larissa's past three matches in the Greek first Division.

With the former Sydney Olympic star running the midfield, Larissa started brilliantly and was second to Panathinaikos after four rounds.

Katholos was given a free clearance by Olympic in lieu of money the club owed him.

They have a gentlemen's agreement that Katholos will give Olympic first option to sign him if he returns to play in Australia.

Katholos was voted Australian Player of the Year in 1982.



• Croatia's 1968 team, back row: Kovacek, Bot, Young, J. Mackay, McIntyre, Rau, Becci, D. MacKay, Friganovich. Front: J. Vojtek, Kemp, McMeehan, Currie, Adam. Missing: B. Vojtek.

A blast from the past — that's what Melbourne Croatia fans with good memories can expect when Indoor boom hits Waverley

The newest indoor soccer centre in Melbourne is the Mount Waverley centre which opened in September 18. It is situated at the Waverley roller skating rink in Hardiner Road. It is an attractive building with professional amenities for five-a-side games, or for junior games and for training sessions.

The director of the centre, Victor Dimopoulos, is confident the indoor scene is here to stay and goes as far as saying that "It will threaten the livelihood of the outdoor code".

His reasons are that the indoor code is non-contact, it can be played purely for fun and fitness and also takes seriously when the players have the opportunity to represent their centre, State or even Australia.

He adds that spectators are more inclined to come and watch a game indoors rather than in cold, windy conditions.

With the opening of the Waverley indoor soccer centre, the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation now has opened three new centres in only six months and two more are on the way in Watsonia and Lalor.

Dimopoulos is now looking for teams to fill the junior leagues, the men's league, the women's league and if there are enough enquiries a mixed league. If anyone is interested, contact Victor on 544-1518 or after hours on 531-5965 and he'll arrange a time to enrol

they travel to Croatia's planned new complex in Sunshine on Sunday, October 20, for a club barbecue.

The highlight of the day-long entertainment will be a match between the current Croatia side and the all-conquering Croatia side of 1968 which won the Victorian State League championship, the Dockery Cup and the old Ampol Cup.

The 1968 side includes such greats as Jim Mackay, Duncan MacKay, Billy Vojtek, Hugh Gunn, Mirko Kovacek, Horst Rau, Frank Bot, Brian Adam, Billy McIntyre, Billy MacArthur, Hammy McMeehan and Terry Horan.

Meanwhile, Croatia continues to develop the land it owns in Sunshine at Lot 2, Somers Street, and while the club won't be using the complex next season it hopes that 1987 will see it finally move to its new home.

South Melbourne Hellas reportedly approached Croatia recently about joint use of Hellas's Middle Park ground for next season but all indications are that Croatia will use Olympic Park No. 1 as

Makedonia's Murray plots the season

"It's like a dog's breakfast, it's all over the place."

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Bill Murray

readily admits he can be improved upon.

1. The season could start the end of January and finish at the end of September.

2. October would be used for any international or interstate commitments.

3. Every competition — the NSL, Victorian leagues, National Cup and Victorian cup competitions — could be fitted into the January-September framework.

4. The season should peak in September and the National Cup final should be the last club game. The first three weeks of September should be taken up with the final five series and all other Cup finals — Dockerty, Armstrong, Victorian League, Provisional League, Amateur League and

Industrial League — should be played before the National Cup final.

5. The Buffalo Gold Cup (a Victorian competition) should be revamped. It should consist of four groups of three teams each and could be run over just two weeks (Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday, Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday). That way interest in the preliminary rounds would be increased, for as Murray rightly points out, traditionally State League clubs do well in early games before succumbing to NSL opposition. (The present format breaks the clubs into two, six-team groups and by the fourth and fifth games of the preliminary rounds the State League sides can be easy picks for their NSL opponents.)

6. If an NSL club has more than one player required for national team commitments then that club should have the right to have its match rescheduled. National team training camps shouldn't stop players returning to their respective clubs on weekends and playing for them.

"We've got to put more quality into games and when the season starts we'll be the last club game. The first three weeks of September should be taken up with the final five series and all other Cup finals — Dockerty, Armstrong, Victorian League, Provisional League, Amateur League and

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IS SOCCER DYING?

Have the barbarians of Brussels dealt soccer a hard enough blow to knock it into a senseless coma from which the game we used to know will never awaken?

Though those of us close to the game, perhaps too close, were prepared to dismiss Brussels as a social, and therefore "not our", problem and protest that soccer will survive in spite of it, evidence is all around us that soccer is reeling and shaking its mighty boots at where the effects of that black day will land it.

That soccer on English television is, for instance, directly traceable to Brussels and the dark image soccer has as a result of hoodlumism.

In Australia, too, there is no doubt that Brussels has had a devastating effect on a struggling game. And in the wake of it, Pratten Park was an episode it needed like a hole in the head.

Despite many views to the contrary, I remain convinced that Brussels was the most momentous singular cause for the measly interest the two international series created.

The two Australian international series attracted only the partisan fans of the visiting teams while the "neutrals" and the "occasional" were somewhere else.

Flags

That the already miserably attended National League matches would attract more fans than the internationals was unimaginable a few years ago and tragic evidence that soccer no longer attracts. Only flag colors and allegiances do.

Five years ago a decision to bring in a live telecast of Australia's tour match against Greece from Athens was the back page lead in one of Sydney's mass circulation evening dailies.

Recently the traditionally stirring promise of a World Cup qualifier against the old enemy, New Zealand, was getting but scant, token space in our daily papers. Two years ago the World Youth championship in Mexico stirred wide interest and I remember one popular radio talk-back program being completely dominated by it.

The more recent tournament in the Soviet Union was treated as little more than passe by the media. And not surprisingly, because the public at large seemed to show little interest in it.

Overseas crowds, apart from a few isolated places like Italy (stars and glamor) and France (entertaining soccer), are falling alarmingly.

And despite Brussels, hoodlumism is spreading.

Cut-throat

For that you can blame, apart from the thugs themselves, the politicians and other powerful people who foster a social environment where sections of humanity will want to stoop to murder in order to be heard.

But soccer is not entirely blameless because soccer, by its nature, invites such behaviour.

Soccer, modern soccer, is a cut-throat game where the sporting spirit, as we knew it, is long dead.

FIFA, which is riddled with expedient politicians whose empty or shallow rhetoric would put even our Canberra MPs to shame, pays out lip service to the spirit of the game and waits until a Brussels before it acts — and then acts by shunting the blame.

The recent words uttered in the USSR about Australia's path to the World Cup by FIFA officials illustrate the contempt in which FIFA holds its own constituency. Oceania must wait before it is strong enough to put on an equal footing with the Europeans in the qualifying draw, it was said.

Oh yeah?

Then why are the Asians, the Africans and the Central and North Americans guaranteed places in the top 24? Are they strong enough? Is Canada, which WILL be in Mexico, as strong as Austria, Wales, East Germany, Eire and Czechoslovakia, which won't?

It is all an example of FIFA's readiness to tell lies — when

the world knows full well that Oceania was used as a dumping ground for unwanted Israel. And that FIFA was succumbing to racist pressure from Asia which feared the Australians and the New Zealanders.

That can be described as hoodlumism in high places, from a body which sancti-

moniously condemns the lower brand of hoodlumism and disassociates itself from it.

And FIFA is answerable for what goes on outside its offices — on the soccer pitch where its name has been allowed to evolve into a cavalcade of cynicism and hate. Far from tampering with the

LES MURRAY

rules FIFA won't even encourage the three points for a win formula so gallantly used in England. And when the English, idealistically,

introduced automatic dismissal for tactical fouls, FIFA forced the English to abandon it.

Back home, that disgraceful affair at Middle Park four

weeks ago when players were intent on butchering each other to make a point about national team selection posed a question to where the game is going. Such callous behavior would have been unthinkable anywhere, including Australia, 20 years ago. Nowadays it is expected as practically the norm. Because the game is played by players who are expected to stretch the full limits of the rules in the name of competitiveness, by coaches

who will do the same in order to get a result, and by administrators who care for nothing barring their own vanity. No wonder hoodligans choose it as an ideal stage. It is a great game and still more popular than any singular thing in the history of the human race. But don't believe that greatness makes it immune to collapse. The Roman Empire was great, too. Until it drowned in its own decadence.

SAM PAPASAVAS TELLS LEN MCKENDRY:

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• NSL chairman Sam Papasavas



• SM-Hellas coach Len McKendry

National Soccer League chairman Sam Papasavas took a verbal swipe at South Melbourne Hellas coach Len McKendry at Hellas's presentation night last Wednesday.

"I congratulate Len McKendry on his success, and I hope his public relations improved as well," Papasavas said in concluding his speech to the gathering at the Old Melbourne Motor Inn.

McKendry, while accepting a trophy, had said earlier: "It's been terribly boring and predictable winning the league two years in a row and scoring lots of goals. Have you asked yourselves why Charlie Egan was top scorer this

year, and why Doug Brown was top scorer last year? But then it's been all very boring and predictable."

"Leo Anezakis (former Hellas president) asked me to come to the club, to save them from relegation. I said I'd do better than that, and I won the championship. This year the players won the league again but nine months of consistency were lost in the last three or four days.

"It is very boring to be successful but I'd rather be up here than down there."

McKendry was reacting to complaints by many Hellas fans that the team had become, in McKendry's words, boring and predictable.

"What is entertaining?" McKendry

asked. "To me, Charlie Egan is entertaining because he puts the ball in the net more than anyone else."

Papasavas, a former, long-serving president of Hellas, said:

"Hellas has been around for a lot longer than two or three years. Those in the Marmaras era, and then my era — all helped Hellas to remain a great club.

"Unfortunately Hellas's success has not been reflected at the gate. The format of the league may have something to do with it."

"I won't talk about being boring or predictable but what counts in soccer is what comes in through the gate. If the gate is 2000, or if the gate is 10,000 — which is better?"

"There will be changes to the league

format next year, and I hope they are the changes you all expect."

Papasavas added, however, that the present format was not the only reason for the NSL's ills.

"Perhaps people just have better things to do on Sundays than to get wet, and to see players just walking around on the park."

Papasavas said that what really counts is international success, and that the Socceroos haven't had it for a long time. Only through qualification for the World Cup Finals would major corporations be attracted to support soccer, he said.

The presentation night was sponsored by Opal Male Fashion.



• Australia's most successful goalscoring partnership — Doug Brown (left) and Charlie Egan.

Charlie Egan best, Blair second

Every player in Australia aspires to play for South Melbourne Hellas, said Charlie Egan as he accepted the club's best player award last Wednesday.

Egan, NSL top scorer with 21 goals, won the Hellas award with 28 referees' votes.

His prize was \$1000 from Opal Male Fashion.

Runner-up, Steve Blair received a \$250 gift voucher, as did third-placed Bobby Russell.

Egan said: "Ask any player in Australia which club they'd like to play for, and they'd say

Hellas. I always remember Jim Shirra (former midfielder) say that Hellas is THE club to play for. To me, Hellas is the biggest club in Australia, it always has been and it always will be. A special thanks to Leo Anezakis for signing me, and also to our coach, Len McKendry."

Blair said he was surprised he had received so many referees' votes, because "referees aren't my favorite people."

Russell said: "No-one would have beaten Charlie Egan this year. He was the star and he deserves everything he's got. Unfortunately, under the

present league system, the limelight was stolen from our team towards the end of the season."

Chris Christopher, Hellas chairman, said it was the first time the club's best player award had been decided on referees' votes, and it was also the first time that a company (Opal) had sponsored the awards.

28. Charlie Egan
21. Steve Blair
16. Bobby Russell
15. Carl Halford
12. Gary McDowell
9. Oscar Crino
8. Doug Brown
7. Peter Laumets
6. John Yzendoorn
5. Ken Murphy
3. Vlad Bozynski
2. Angie Postecoglou

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Cup draws

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS
At Haskin Reserve, Saturday:
Keilor Austria v CLIFTON HILL at 1pm, followed by MELBOURNE v Rosanna.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP SEMI-FINALS

At Lot 16, Perry Road, Keysborough, Saturday: Box Hill v Knox City or Doveton at 1pm, followed by SPRINGVALE CITY v Fawkner.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

At Gardner's Creek Reserve, Saturday: St Kilda or Seaford United v Williamstown at 1pm, followed by PASCOE VALE v Nunawading United.

RESERVES CUP SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, venue to be announced: NORTH SUNSHINE v Monbulk at 1pm, followed by MOSSFIEL RANGERS v Ivanhoe City.

AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday, 3pm: MACCABI v Diggers Rst, Old Scotch v YARRA UNITED; VERNON v Diamond Valley; Melbourne Uni v WAVERLEY UNITED.

RESERVES CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday, 3pm: DIAMOND VALLEY v Yarra Bend; MELBOURNE UNI v Maccahi at 1pm; LaTrobe Uni v EPPING THISTLE; EAGLES UNITED v Phillip Institute.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals: Keilor Austria 0 Altona City 0 after extra time, Keilor won 5-4 on penalties; Melbourne 3 Dandenong City 3 after extra time; Melbourne won 12-11 on penalties; Clifton Hill 3 Yarraville 1; Rosanna 3 Mooroolbark 0.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP

Quarter-finals: Caulfield City 2 Box Hill 4; West Essendon 2 Springvale City after extra time; Doveton v Knox City, not played, result subject to tribunal hearing tonight (Wednesday); Fawkner 4 Springvale United 2; PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals: Central City 1 Pascoe Vale 2 after extra time; St Kilda v Seaford United, not played, result subject to tribunal hearing tonight (Wednesday); Nunawading United 3 West Brunswick 2; South Dandenong 11 v Williamstown 11.

RESERVES CUP

Quarter-finals: Maccahi 3 Northern Suburbs 0; East Altona 1 Vermont 3; Epping Thistle 2 Diggers Rest 3; oncede 1 Old Scotch 2 after extra time; East Richmond 0 Waverley United 3; Yarra Bend 4 Yarra United 6; Melbourne Uni 3 Oakleigh United.

RESERVES CUP

Quarter-finals: Central City v Phillip Institute, Phillip Institute won 6-4 on penalties; Yarra United 0 Diamond Valley 1; East Altona 0 Melbourne Uni 2, Ringwood Rovers v Maccahi, Maccahi won 6-5 on penalties; Waverley United 1 Epping Thistle won 7-6 on penalties.

Meko wins Cup, four sent off

MEKO HOLDINGS 3 (McTeggert, Dovestki pen, Tasevski)
KEILOR OLD BOYS 1 (Gauci-Seddon), Black Douglas Cup final, Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

Keilor Old Boys, champions of Division 4, and the team which knocked Division 1 champion and 1984 Cup holder Lecco Holdings out of the competition, got off to a dream start when Joe Gauci-Seddon scored with a well-placed shot.

The lead was short lived, when two minutes later, Bernard McGygart pushed the ball home in a goalmouth scramble.

In the 70th minute following handball by a Keilor player, Vlade Dovestki scored from the penalty spot to give Meko a 2-1 lead. Following the penalty Ferrand of Keilor was sent off for violent conduct.

Tom Tasevski made it 3-1 in a breakaway move, putting the ball into the top corner of the net. Tasevski was outstanding in the second half, chasing every through ball and giving the Old Boys' defence a torrid time.

In the closing minutes, Pocock, Laing and Braini were given their marching orders as tempers started to flare.

GOLDEN DOXA UNITED RES. 4 (Gritty 2, Balazy, Grech)
ALTONA ROVERS RES. 1 (Reif), Invitation Cup Final at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

In the 20th minute a shot by Godwin Grech of Doxa was punched out by Rovers keeper Charlie Zarafa to no avail, as John Gritty, following up, put the ball in the back of the net for Doxa's first goal.

Grech made it two in the 24th minute when he scored from a through ball by Grech who was playing some lovely through balls which were splitting the Rovers defence wide open.

In the 31st minute Rober Reif drove the ball into the top right hand corner of the net to put one back for Rovers.

In the 39th minute David Blazy crossed over a high swerving inswinger which deceived the Rovers keeper for Doxa's third goal.

In the 46th minute, Godwin Grech made it 4-1, crashing a low goal into the top corner of the net following a through ball by Trevor Wheatley.

Altona Rovers didn't give up, and we wonder what would have happened had two shots that only just went over the crossbar gone in.

In the end Doxa was a worthy Cup winner — making it the fourth time in a row.

Rosanna in semis, but Melbourne looms next

ROSANNA 3 (Welsby

28th, Beer 34th, Sampson 80th) **MOOROOLBARK 0**.

Victorian League Cup quarter-final at Yallambie Park, Saturday. Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.

ROSNNA 7 (Simpson 7, Parker 7, M. Staples 7 (penalty 60th), Beer 7, Skudlos 8, Vandoranz 8, E. Staples 8, Sampson 9, Drake 10, Palmer 8, Welsby 9, Coach Terry Mooney).

MOOROOLBARK 7 (Reid 6, Caddie 6, Brack 7, Cubitt 6, Pfield 6 (penalty 7), Tattersall 6, Gurney 8, Stones 7, Mount 6, Delapac 6, Page 6, Van Duppen H.T. 6, coach Barry Horsfall).

MELBOURNE 3 (Ward 55th, Heery 58th, Roberts 105th) **DANDENONG CITY 3** (Donnelly 30th, 47th, 107th) after extra time. Melbourne won 12-11 on penalties. **Victorian League Cup** quarter-final at J. T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.

MELBOURNE 7 (Barbas 7, Wild 7, P. Bannon 7, T. Dzicak 7, Edmundson 8, Theodopoulos 8, Bird 7, Tsambasis 6 (Dagnall 93rd), Roberts 6, Ward 6, Heery 7, Coach: Paddy Bannon).

Rosanna opened its account in the 28th minute when captain Eric Staples sent a long throw-in into the Mooroolbark's rech. Rosanna striker Michael Drake sent over a high cross which was mis-

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THE 1985 DOCKERTY CUP

AT THE THE 1985 RICOH DOCKERTY CUP

JUVENTUS 3 (Incantalo 72nd & 82nd, Palatsidis 78th)
SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Mitten 20th, Dockerty Cup
quarter-final at Olympic Park, Sunday. Sent off: Miranda 34th.
min. Cautions: James, Mitten, Taylor (GC), Cullen, Lewis (J).
Referee: Evans Venios 8.

JUVENTUS: Keogh 8 —
Brown 7, Dowie 7, Campbell 7 —
Wade 8, Minichiello 5 (Pen-
alties 68th), Miranda (Sent
off, 34th, min), Incantalo 8 —
Cullen 8, Sweeney 8.
Coach: John Margaritis.
SUNSHINE-GEORGE
CROSS: Kastner 7 — James
4, Richardson 4, Bennett 4,
Taylor 4 — Mitten 5 (Campbell
76th), Faulkner 6, Bain 4,
Lennon 6 — Gilder 4, Latif 4.
Coach: John Gardiner.

With so much talent at
his disposal, I'd say John
Margaritis would be mad
to leave Juventus.

Although he jokes that he'd welcome a call from
Dr. Edelstein — 'I'd be
available for less than a
million' — Margaritis
would be hard pressed to
enjoy the sort of success
elsewhere that he's been
basking in this year.

Joe Palatsidis who scored a
goal and helped make two
other players earn a place as a
substitute against George
Cross, is emerging along with
Mehmet Durakovic as a star of
the future.

And in a competition which
is not being done justice by so
many of the teams in it, Juve-
nitus stands like a light-
house in a storm.

The Juventus players have
maintained their hunger for
success, their team discipline
and their fighting spirit while
most around them languish
slothfully in their beds of
excuses and towering indifference
to one of the oldest, most
highly respected competitions
in Australian soccer.

Hats off to Juventus. Hats
off to Margaritis.

It appears that Juve's dynamic
team manager Joe Caruso will succeed Tony
Schiavello as president. That
comes from Schiavello himself. So, if Margaritis has felt
apprehensive about how the
leadership of the club will

Ten men of Juve had fire in their gut

shape up for next season, then
he should no longer worry.

Margaritis and Caruso have
been the most successful
soccer partnership in the
game over the past season.

That partnership should con-
tinue to bear fruit, especially
if the likes of players like Pal-
atsidis, Durakovic and Min-
ichiello are being groomed in
the mould of champions.

Juve was stringing six,
seven, eight passes together in
a devastating second-half
fightback while George Cross
ran around helplessly, unable
to stop the Juventus players,
nor win the ball from them.

Although Juventus' play
during this period was of the
highest calibre, its victory also
had a lot to do with George
Cross' blundering.

Leading by a goal after only
20 minutes, Juve was playing
against only 10 men because

Richardson, Miranda had been
sent off, George Cross pro-
ceeded to defend, and play on
the break.

That tactic may have proved
successful had Roger Bain and
Ossie Latif not wasted two ex-
cellent scoring chances in

breakaways. They did how-
ever, and so Juventus, with
more and more use of the ball,
started doing as it liked.

George Cross's form this
season has been generally
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stand-in goalkeeper Sean
Keogh, rolled over the line,
and into the net.

George Cross's attitude for
the rest of the match became
obvious immediately after
the goal, when the players
started passing square at the
back.

Juve's first scoring at-
tempt — a Joe Sweeney header
from a Paul Wade cross, saved
by Lou Kastner — did not
come until the 30th minute.

Four minutes later, Mitten
scored Fabio Incantalo on
the right touchline. Miranda
ran towards Mitten and pushed
him full force into the ground.

Referee Evan Venables sent
Miranda off, fielded a red
Mitten the yellow card. Ear-
lier, Robbie Cullen and Tyrone
James had been caught for
having a go at each other.

Kastner kept George
Cross's lead intact when he
had to atom for a mistake by
his sweeper, Gerry Bennett,
whose unwise back-pass had

But the first slice of glory
belonged to George Cross.
Tyrone James won the ball in
defence and sent it via Carl
Gilder to Noel Mitten whose
low shot, although touched by

Keogh, rolled over the line,
and into the net.

George Cross's last chance
to score against defeat came
in the 70th minute, when Jeff
Faulkner sent Latif away with
a brilliant long pass. Latif ran
to the edge of the area and
pushed the ball past Keogh as
the two met, intending ob-
viously to run around Keogh
and retrieve the ball. Instead,
Latif stopped dead and appealed
for a free kick, which
wasn't given that was the end
of George Cross.

Only two minutes later,
Peter Lewis passed square to
Faulkner, who did likewise to
Sweeney whose final pass was
rammed home hard by In-
cantalo for the equaliser.

Latif got away on another
long through ball in the 73rd
minute but he approached the
goal at an angle, and Keogh
blocked the shot in a reflex ac-
tion.

John Campbell replaced
goalscorer Mitten for George
Cross shortly afterwards, but
Juventus hit the lead in the
78th minute. Wade crossed the
ball from the left, Cullen
headed it down, and Palatsidis
slipped a low shot past Kastner.

With eight minutes to go,
Bennett played a crossfield
ball straight to Palatsidis, who
brought it down in his chest
and gave it to Wade. The move
continued on to Incantalo and
notched his second. In-
cantalo, you will remember,
scored one of the two legs
of the NSW Cup final, against
Sydney Hakoah.

Faulkner was injured and
replaced by Steve Chetcuti
just before Palatsidis had an-
other great chance to score.

In a breakaway, Palatsidis
passed to Cullen who relayed
to Wade before the ball came
back to Palatsidis for a shot
over the top from close range.
Palatsidis clutched his head in
disbelief.

Robbie Dunn for Sydney Croatia?

MAKEDONIA 1 (Cole
20th) FRANKSTON PINES
0, Dockerty Cup quarter-
final at Olympic Park No. 2
ground, Saturday. Cautions:
McMillan (Mak) Opasins
(Mak). Referee: Stuart Mel-
lings B.

MAKEDONIA: Trajaned
6 — Petrovski 6 (Momo-
rovski 81st), McMillan 8,
Petrov 6, Ilioski 7 — Lane 7,
Cole 7, S. Coach: Billy Reilly.

FRANKSTON PINES:
Janssen 7 — Thurlow 7, R.
Nelson 6, Cullen 6,
Cumming 6 — Cooke 6,
Ross 7, Watson 7 — Dick 6,
Webster 7, Thomas 6.
Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Rumors about Robbie
Dunn joining Sydney Croatia
next year eclipsed the out-
come of this Makedonia, in
Israel with the Socceroos, is
said to have given his assent
to a Melbourne agent
acting for Sydney Croatia.

The defence has been
Croatia's Achilles heel this
year, and Dunn is seen as the
man who can remove that
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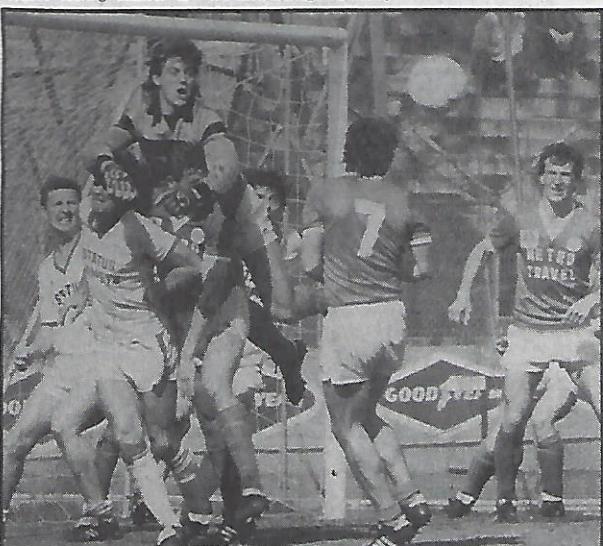
McMillan got in the way of
a good shot from Watson as
Pines ended the first half in
control of play.

Striker Warren Spink re-
placed George Gagie in the
Makedonia's attack at half
time, but Makedonia almost
was caught out by an unwise
back-pass from McMillan. It
was too short, allowing Web-
ster to intercept, but goal-
keeper Phil Trajaned
came out quickly to grab it.

Sean Lane got away on the
break shortly afterwards,
but Janssen stormed out of
the penalty area to cut him
off.

Con Opasins had started
in midfield, and Ljubo Pet-
rovski at right back. They
switched positions, now, but
Petrovski later was replaced
by Borce Momirovski.

Frankston Pines looked a
capable outfit and Webster is
still, I believe, National
League material, as are
Watson and Thurlow.



• Croatia goalkeeper Mirko Runje rises above, from left: Alan Kerr, Graham French, Dave McIntosh, Steve Beech and Drago Deankovic (No. 7) to punch clear against Croydon. Looking on at left is Croatia's Georgeannah.

Cristaldo, at the far post,
slammed his shot wide.

It appeared to be a matter of
how many for Croatia, but
Croydon was given a penalty
over what referee Bernie
Upjohn saw as a foul by Dave
McIntosh on Graham French in
the 44th minute. French took
the shot himself and made no mistake.

Croydon almost took the
lead on resumption when
French curled it over the bar! It
came out to Bognan whose shot
was cleared off the line by
Drago Deankovic.

Croatia continued to miss
Campbell headed the ball
square to Ward who was un-
marked yet headed past the
post.

Bognan was injured shortly
afterwards and replaced by
player-coach Peter Ollerton
who surprisingly had left him-
self on the bench in order to
keep Gary Bognan in the team.

Bognan made his way into
the box on the left and speared
the ball square across the six-
yard box. Two Croatia players
missed it, and Victor

Biskic ran up to Livingstone
and confronted him forehead
to forehead. Jim O'Reilly,
seeing that as a head-butt, ran
in and pushed Biskic. Both O'
Reilly and Biskic then were
shown the yellow card.

Ward paid the penalty for
too many misses when he was
up against Greg House in the
75th minute but House also
missed as he got out to the end
of an excellent square pass
from Bognan.

Croatia had lost all its
discipline by now. Players were
swarming here and
everywhere like locusts.

In the end, Croatia had to
rely on Croydon beating itself.

Croydon made a brilliant
one-handed save to turn a shot
from Cristaldo over the top for
a corner. The ball came to the
far post, where Markovac
tried a shot. Ken Taylor
cleared off the goal line, but in
doing so, kicked the ball at team-
mate Bates, and it bounced off Bates' back, into
the net for an own goal.

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• Rob Nelson (right) of Frankston Pines is about to pounce on the ball, which has eluded Warren Spink of Makedonia.



• Dave McIntosh (right) in action for St George, leans on then Footscray J.U.S.T. striker Peter Ollerton as St George goalie Mike Fraser prepares to punch clear.



• Former NSL Player of the Year Jim Hermiston (left) then with Brisbane Lions, feels the full force of McIntosh's aerial power in a clash between Lions and Olympic pic.



• McIntosh, this time wearing a Melbourne Croatia strip, is as fearless as ever as he soars above a pack of Green Gully defenders in this clash at Olympic Park earlier this year.



• John Kosmina

Kosmina beats Abonyi

John Kosmina overtook Attila Abonyi as the Soccereroos' all-time top scorer when he notched the first goal against China in Brisbane last week.

Kosmina (Sydney Hakoah), the Soccereroos captain, had scored 37 goals in all games for Australia, before taking the field against Israel this evening (Wednesday), our time.

Abonyi however, still has most goals in full international matches.

Scorers' lists:

All games

27. J.Kosmina
36. A. Abonyi
21. R. Baartz, G. Cole
20. P.Ollerton
17. E. Krncic, A. Alston
13. B. Vojtek
11. B. Buljevic
10. D. Mitchell, R. Richards, D. Harding
8. P. Sharne

Full internationals

25. A. Abonyi
19. J. Kosmina
18. R. Baartz
16. G. Cole
13. P. Ollerton
8. B. Vojtek, T. McColl

All games

16. D. Lowe
14. R. Brown
12. C. Kalantzis
9. E. Krncic, F. Farina, W. Spinelli
6. F. Incalalupu

10. D. Lowe
9. C. Kalantzis
8. R. Brown
6. E. Krncic, F. Farina
5. M. Koussas

Youth internationals

10. D. Lowe
9. C. Kalantzis
8. R. Brown
6. E. Krncic, F. Farina
5. M. Koussas



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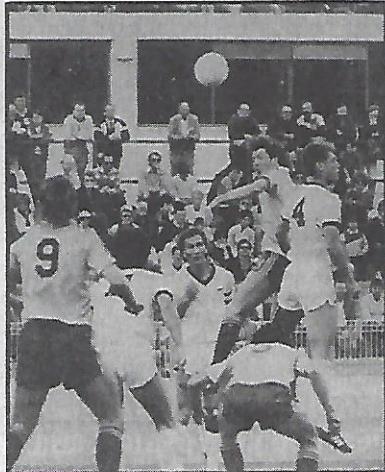
'MITCH'



• You can't stop this guy. Shane Rufer (left), Grant Turner and Kenny Cresswell all are beaten by big man Mitchell. At right is Socceroo Ken Murphy.



• Mitchell takes a shot against China at Lang Park, Brisbane.



• Mitchell wins out again — beating Ceri Evans (No. 4), with Alan Booth (centre) looking on anxiously.

Roos get lift from high flier

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Competition from Jim Patikas, Frank Farina and Graham Arnold has brought the best out of Socceroo striker David Mitchell, who will lead Australia's attack in the return World Cup game against Israel at Olympic Park on Sunday week.

He was clearly best on the ground in Australia's 3-0 victory over China in Brisbane, and coach Frank Arrok also rated him best in the World Cup match against New Zealand in Auckland.

Mitchell has brought to the Socceroo attack the experience of having played top-level soccer with Glasgow Rangers in Scotland.

He also has provided the attack with aerial dominance, as our pictures show.

Mitchell was born in Scotland, but developed as a player in Adelaide, where he was signed for the NSL by the then Adelaide Juventus coach, Rale Rasic.

From there he moved to Sydney City, then to Glasgow Rangers, after having become a well-established international.

He tried unsuccessfully to rejoin his old club, Adelaide Juventus, on his return from Scotland, but found he was tied contractually to Hakoah. So he went to Hong Kong for a while, and helped Seiko win the championship there, before returning to meet his obligation to Hakoah.

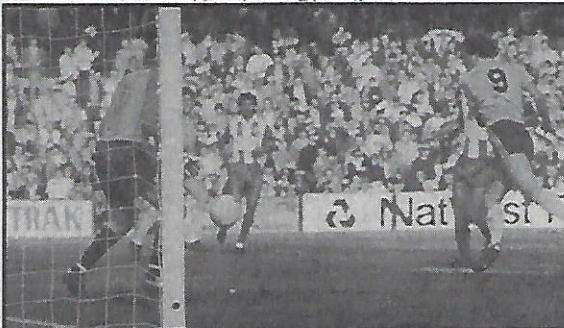
Mitchell's international career started with the Australian youth team. He played in the 1981 World Youth Championships before graduating to the senior team and he scored a World Cup hat-trick in a 10-0 victory over Fiji in Melbourne late that year. Gary Cole got the other seven.

Mitchell says he will again try his luck in Britain — perhaps with Watford — after the World Cup campaign.



Waiting in the wings

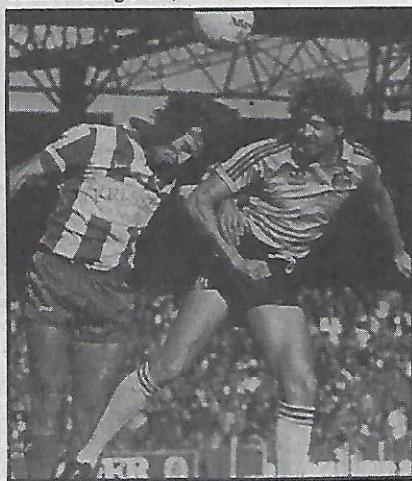
• Two of the Socceroo strikers eager to displace either Mitchell or John Kosmina: Jim Patikas (left) and Frank Farina. Their presence in the wings is keeping the others on their toes.



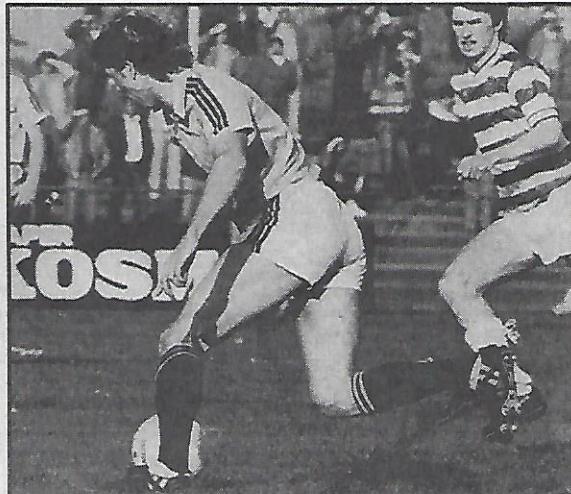
• Mitchell scores the first goal in Australia's 4-0 victory over Red Star at Olympic Park. The result gave the Socceroos an overall win in the four-match series.



• One way to stop David Mitchell — grab him by the shirt, the way Ceri Evans did in their World Cup match at Mt. Smart Stadium in Auckland recently.



• Even Yugoslavia's best couldn't stop Mitchell in the air. Here he is beating Jankovic of Red Star Belgrade at Olympic Park.



• David Mitchell breaks away from Paul Wade in the Socceroo's 3-2 victory over the Victorian all-stars at Middle Park.

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• The Socceros of the late fifties. Goalkeeper Giorgio Panza (centre, at rear), played for Triestina and was later president of Juventus. The team includes Joe Marston (4th from right), Lolly Vella (front left), Frankie Loughrane (front, 2nd from left), Pepe Cubero (with ball) and Mike de Bruyckere (2nd from right).



• Three former Triestina coaches: Rale Basic (top left), Mario Corn (above) and Tony Bogni (left).



This great Frank Barbaza serves his boss, Leo Pollegini at Pollegini's Restaurant. Barbaza had a stint with Triestina.

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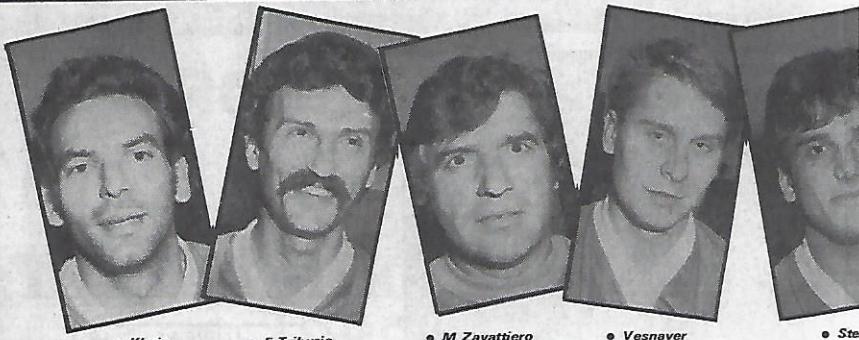
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Essendon 1

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Essendon Triestina last played in the Victorian State League in 1965 but has started the long haul back and next year will play in Victorian League Division Two for the first time since 1970.

Player-coach Bill Vojtek and president Armando Dilizza have had a major influence in the club's resurgence and Vojtek is confident that his side can win promotion again next season.

"It's given me a great kick winning promotion from Division Three this year and I'm very, very, confident that the lads will do well next year. Mark my words, we'll put out a very competitive side in Second Division," said Vojtek.

"I'm so proud of the way the players responded this year. We weren't the best team in the league but with plenty of hard work and everyone wanting success, we got there which is a tremendous credit to the players' attitude."

Triestina opened new dressing rooms and a social club at home ground at Ormond Park in Moonee Ponds this year so success hasn't been confined to its on-field activities.

Triestina was formed in 1959 and 1960 was a Second Division South club. It won the Second Division South championship in 1961 and the First Division South championship the following year. So Triestina started the 1963 season in State League. It was relegated in 1965, and again in 1966 but in 1968 it won its way back into First Division. However it again was relegated in 1969 and 1970, heralding a period when the club moved between the Third and Fourth Divisions of the Metropolitan League until 1980 when it finally sank into the Provisional Leagues.

It had the Fourth Division South championship in 1980 and fought back.

It amalgamated with Moonee Ponds in 1982, the year it won its way back into Fourth Division and 12 months later found itself back in Third Division.

Let's look at the men who won promotion from Third Division for Triestina this year.

BILLY VOJTEK (player-coach): a legend in Victorian and Australian soccer. His first appearance for Australia was against New Zealand in 1967 and his last appearance was against Iran in 1973. In all, he made 44 Socceros appearances and scored 13 goals. He won the Bill Fleming Medal as the best player in the Victorian State League while with Juventus in 1975. His other clubs were Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Croatian, Green Gully, St Albans Dinamo and Western Suburbs. It's fitting that Vojtek should lead Triestina into Second Division for way back in 1961 Vojtek, then a teenager, lined up for Triestina in the Coppa Italia as a guest player.

GERRY TRIBUZIO (team manager): Ex-Green Gully and Juventus junior. A top goalscorer in his playing days, he retired last year and is in his first year as team manager. A good organiser and fine servant to Triestina on and off the field.

MARIO ZAVATTIERO (reserves coach): Is in his third year on Triestina's coaching staff and is a former first team coach. Hard working and has been a big help to Vojtek this season. Also serves on the general committee.



B Back row, left to right: Ralph DeMarchi (committeeman), Mick Bonnici, Michael Giacomo, Chris Powell, Johnny Tella, Mario Zavattiero (reserve c. Stella (committeeman), Sam Paglia (committeeman). Front row: Giuliano Ver, Mick Klarin, Harry Dilizza, Billy Vojtek (player-coach), Fran Mussel, Manu Romano (committeeman). Missing: Carlo Sabidussi, Alex Fant

CARLO SABIDUSSI (midfielder): in his second year at the club. Joined from Fawkner but prior to that had a fine career with Juventus and also had a season with Maledonia. At Juventus he established himself as a quality player and his State League experience has been a real bonus this year. He only played 15 games this year due to injury but scored five goals.

DARIO ZAVATTIERO (defender): a product of the Moonee Ponds Juniors and joined during the amalgamation between Triestina and Moonee Ponds in 1982. A very versatile

player who played up front and in midfield before being switched to sweeper in the last half of the season. His passing is excellent; he reads the game well.

MANUELE MANINI (defender): a former Juventus junior who joined Triestina in 1981. Determined and very competitive, he also fine clubman. He played 19 games this season and has been a regular first teamer for past six seasons.

ALEX FANTOMA (goalkeeper): played some fine games this year and is a former Clayton and Juventus goalkeeper with State League experience. This is his second year.



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• Ulvio Tribuzio, Tony Mainenti, Dario Zavattiero, Sergio Trukovic (vice-president), Tony (secretary), Carlo Del Porto, David Vesnaver, Manini, Gerry Tribuzio (team manager), Sergio Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Triestina has played 24 games this season. An excellent trainer with a fine attitude to the game.

MICK BONADIO (goalkeeper) joined Triestina in 1984 and is the second string goalkeeper. Made just two appearances in the seniors this year but did well both times. His handling is still a work in progress.

FRANK MUSSEL (defender): former Sunshine City star who also had a stint with Western Suburbs before joining Triestina this year and once he arrived, everything went smoothly at the back. A tremendous competitor whose disposal and tackling are first

class. Was in "Soccer Action's" State League Team of the Year in 1980.

CARLO DEL PORTO (utility): has been used at the back, in midfield and up front this year. Has fine close skills and is fast and coach Vojtek expects him to develop even further next season.

MICK KARLIN (striker): ex-green Gully, Melbourne, Croatia and Western Suburbs. Joined Triestina this year. Tall, but has excellent close ball control and loves to take opponents on. Has been a major asset this year scoring 10 goals as a left sided attacking player.

FULVIO TRIBUZIO (defender): captain of the reserves and a long serving and dependable player. A product of Triestina's juniors and an excellent clubman.

HARRY DILIZZA (defender): ex-Juventus and J.U.S.T. junior who joined Triestina in 1976 and has had a fine season. A solid defender who works very hard. He's the longest serving player at the club.

JOHNNY STELLA (defender): just 18 and very promising. He still has to work on certain aspects of his game but he's dedicated to improving himself and coach Vojtek predicts a big future for him.

CHARLIE TOWNELL (striker): Canadian born, he joined Triestina in 1982 from St Albans. He's quick and played eight games this year, scoring six goals. Strong in the air and very competitive.

MICHAEL GIACOMI (striker): ex-Juventus and Triestina junior and a former Fawkner first team player. Joined Triestina this year and scored 23 goals, making him the leading scorer in Third Division. Excellent in the air and strong on the ball, he has given the attack a tremendous boost.

TONY MAINENTI (midfielder): ex-Fawkner, Juventus and Thomastown. He joined Triestina in 1984 and has good close skills. He's a great competitor and his experience has helped the younger players in the squad. He also scored some vital goals this year.

DAVID VESNAVER (midfielder): ex-Triestina junior who rejoined the club from Fawkner in 1984. Only 20, but has State League experience and has had a tremendous season in 1985. A good ball winner and a great competitor.

MATE DIMAC (defender): very skilful and never wastes a ball. He's a former Melbourne Croatia player and is 29 years old.

Dilizza leads strong committee

Armando Dilizza is in his second year as president of Triestina and is the driving force behind the club's administration. He's a former Juventus team manager and runs his own business in the hydraulics industry.

Sergio Turkovic is vice-president. He's a former Triestina player and coach and has been with the club since 1984.

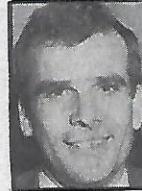
The secretary is Giuliano Boato who is in his fourth year in that role. He's a hard worker, like his fellow committee members, and is committed to the success of Triestina.

Sergio Romano is the club's treasurer. He was team manager last year and has been with the club for many years. He doubles as property manager.

The general committee consists of: Ralph DeMarchi, a former player; Sam Paglia, who is the canteen manager and was president of Moonee Ponds when it amalgamated with Triestina in 1982; Tony Severino, who plays in the reserves and is the club's public relations officer; Tony Stella in his first year on the committee; Gerry Tribuzio, team manager and Mario Zavattiero, reserve team coach.



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• Ralph DeMarchi



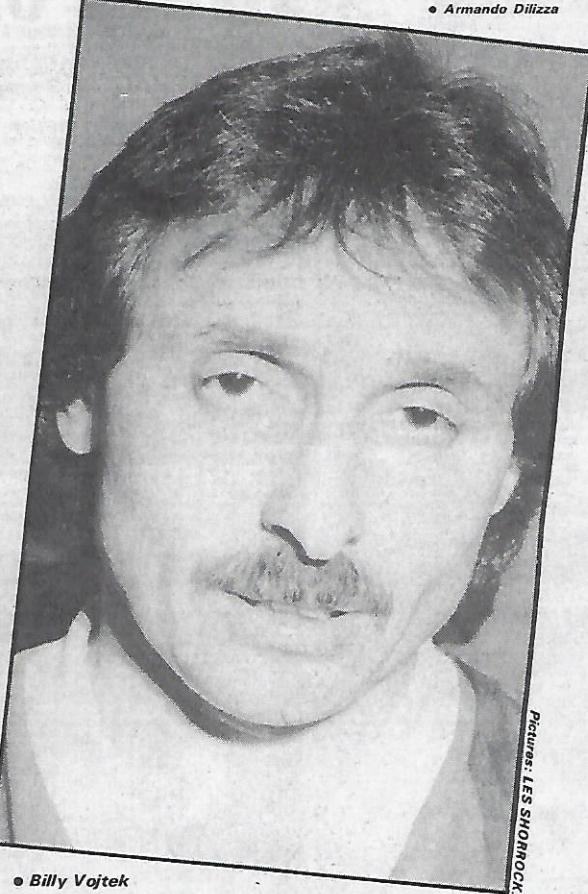
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Well balanced trio Peter Herd (left) and Dragan Ilicic of Azzurri and Robert Tobin (Birkalla) play follow the bouncing ball during last Saturday's West End Premier Cup Final at Hindmarsh Stadium. Picture by JOE JANKO

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Bill Pilovski
(Rockdale Ilienden)

3. Steve Meades, Ross Tasker
2. Robert Giraldi, Richard Piel, Larry Berringer
1. Montecchi, Richardson

Sutherland (28)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 2-0;
Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-3; Rockdale Ilienden 3-0, 1-0; Canterbury 0-0, 2-2; Sutherland 3-1, 0-2; Melita Eagles 2-0, 0-0; Narrabeen 3-1, 1-1; Polonia 0-2, 2-0; Avala 1-0, 1-0; Uruguay 0-1, 1-0; Bankstown 2-1, 0-2

Goals: 32

7. Glen Fontana
6. Steve Baker
4. Jock Morlando, Phil Mowbray
3. Reg Chilby
2. Robert Giraldi, Richard Piel, Larry Berringer
1. Montecchi, Richardson

Melita Eagles (27)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 2-0;
Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-3; Rockdale Ilienden 3-0, 1-0; Canterbury 5-6, 1-2; Melita Eagles 3-0, 1-1; Narrabeen 0-0, 2-0; Polonia 3-0, 2-2; Avala 0-0, 2-2; Uruguay 1-0, 3-0; Fairy Meadow 2-0, 1-3; Bankstown 5-0, 1-1

Goals: 39

10. Nelia Borges
9. Paul Kirwan
7. Marcos Silva, Louis Dennis
6. John Anagnosopoulos
5. Spiro Hantzis
1. Karaspyros, Basterfield.

7. Peter Beggs
6. Brian Gray
5. Vic DalForno, Craig Hall.

11. Don Allan
9. Barry Walker

6. Len Vial
3. Ray Farrugia, Ken Wilson
2. Warren Dolton
1. Griffiths, Rourke, Callahan

Ku-Ring-Gai (26)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 1-1;
Rockdale Ilienden 1-1, 2-1; Canterbury 1-2, 1-1; Sutherland 2-0, 0-4; Melita Eagles 1-2, 1-3; Narrabeen 1-0, 0-0; Polonia 2-2, 3-1; Avala 2-1, 2-1; Uruguay 1-0, 0-0; Fairy Meadow 2-0, 0-1; Bankstown 0-1, 0-4

Goals: 29

6. Lee Sutherland
5. Craig Bass
4. Mark Nile, Ian Goldsworthy
3. David Bennett
2. Neale Williamson, Kevern 1. McKegan, Watson, Hunter

Rockdale Ilienden (22)

Manly Warringah 2-1, 0-1;
Ku-Ring-Gai 1-2, 1-1; Canterbury 1-1, 0-0; Sutherland 0-1, 0-3; Melita Eagles 2-1, 1-1; Narrabeen 2-1, 1-1; Polonia 7-1, 2-3; Avala 0-1, 0-0; Uruguay 3-0, 2-0; Fairy Meadow 0-1, 0-3; Bankstown 3-0, 2-0

Goals: 29

10. Ross Brown
3. Nicky Papas, Jimmy Ristevski, Darren Wilson

11. Don Allan
9. Barry Walker

1. Holloway, Pearce, Jebarai, Gogic

Goals: 25

6. Ray Carney
5. Glen Jeffers
3. Lucchesi, Andersen
2. Atalag, Coates, Martinez 1. Bratkovic, Lembray

Manly Warringah (19)

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Goals: 20

4. Jimmy Campbell
2. John Dick, Bobby Pagano, Steve Leak, Willie Murray, Graham Williamson, Geoff Barker

1. Holloway, Pearce, Jebarai, Gogic

Goals: 19

Manly Warringah 3-1, 2-4;
Ku-Ring-Gai 1-3, 2-2; Rockdale Ilienden 3-2, 1-7; Canterbury 1-4, 0-2; Sutherland 2-2, 0-3; Melita Eagles 1-3, 1-0; Narrabeen 1-7, 3-1; Avala 0-0, 3-0; Uruguay 5-1, 0-2; Fairy Meadow 0-2, 2-0; Bankstown 1-2, 4-1

Goals: 36

12. Stefan Janic
9. Andrej Pop
6. Micky Bratkovic
3. Heniek Sobczyk, Jurek Drys
1. Lasek, Vujinovic, Druc

Uruguay (14)

Manly Warringah 0-2, 0-0;
Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-1; Rockdale Ilienden 1-1, 1-2; Canterbury 1-3, 0-2; Sutherland 0-2, 0-0; Melita Eagles 0-3, 1-1; Narrabeen 1-1, 0-1; Polonia 2-0, 1-5; Avala 3-0, 1-2; Fairy Meadow 0-1, 0-0; Bankstown 0-0, 3-3

Goals: 16

7. Gary Hastic
4. Tony O'shane
1. Rodas, Langan, Benales, Botero, Planinic

Narrabeen (13)

Manly Warringah 0-0, 0-0;
Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 0-1; Rockdale Ilienden 1-1, 1-2; Canterbury 1-3, 0-2; Sutherland 0-2, 0-0; Melita Eagles 0-4, 0-4; Polonia 1-3, 1-1; Avala 1-3, 0-4; Uruguay 0-1, 1-1; Fairy Meadow 1-1, 1-3; Bankstown 0-0, 1-0

Goals: 16

4. Allan Dean
3. Gary Sandner
2. Murray Gale, Van Helden (ME),
1. Sorge, Friend, Watt, Collings, Nacinovic

Bankstown National (10)

Manly Warringah 1-1, 0-2;
Ku-Ring-Gai 4-3, 0-0; Rockdale Ilienden 0-2, 0-3; Canterbury 1-0, 2-2; Sutherland 0-2, 0-5; Melita Eagles 1-4, 1-4; Narrabeen 0-1, 0-1; Polonia 1-4, 2-1; Avala 0-1, 0-2; Uruguay 3-3, 0-0; Fairy Meadow 2-7, 1-2

Goals: 18

5. Peter Hassan
2. Meerbani, Hammond, T Antonopoulos, C Antonopoulos, Hosseini

3. Lucchesi, Andersen (A), Chiiby (FM), Bennett (K), Wilson, Farrugia (ME), Sandner (N), Sobczyk, Drys (P), Papas, D Wilson, Ristevski

Azzurri clinches West End Cup

By ALLAN CRISP

taking the West End Premier Cup final 2-0 from Birkalla at Hindmarsh Stadium last Saturday.

The win provided a personal triumph for coach Joe Serafini, who boosted Azzurri from 10th place last year to a respectable runner-up spot this season.

Pat DeVita, who took the Rothmans League goal-scoring honors with 12 goals this season, steered Azzurri to victory in the 34th minute when he smacked a drive against the far post before Birkalla defender Mick Pietrus deflected the rebound into his own goal.

Midfield powerhouse Frank Michelon completed Azzurri's triumph seven minutes from full-time by rocketing a 20 metre free past Norm Green of the Birkalla goal.

That was Michelon's sixth goal of the year and his second in the competition, adding to his growing reputation as the deadliest dead-ball exponent in State League, the mantle previously worn by ex-Beograd star Adrian Santrac, now with Adelaide City.

Birkalla boss Rab Jones approached this "boots for booze" final with cautious optimism, but his veteran striker

John Pope and David Mahon failed to deliver the goods.

The latter bombed three scoring opportunities in the first half and was replaced by younger, more mobile striker Gary Pankhurst from the start of the second half.

Birkalla closed down opponents quickly and buzzed off effectively in midfield, but had nobody to match Azzurri front runner Pat DeVita, Angie Giannitti and Devita.

Devita's silky skills surely will attract the attention of S.A.'s NSL pair West and City before long, while 18-year-old Giannitti also looks a likely target for the top league.

The other focal points of the final were goalkeepers Green and young David Miller of Azzurri.

Green demonstrated yet again that he is the most underrated custodian in the NSW State League, while Miller showed that he is second to none among the nation's outstanding goalkeepers.



Keith Schumann (left) of Sutherland and Alan Dean of Narrabeen in a heading duel.

Elimination final:
Melita Eagles 2 (Walker 2, 35th, 47th) Sutherland 1 (Beggs 35th, 47th)

Major Semi-Final:
Fairy Meadow 1 (Chiiby 63rd) Canterbury 0

Final:
Melita Eagles 4 (Walker 2nd, 63rd, Wilson 13th, Vial 1, 6, 37-21 27)

Scorers:
6. Barry Walker
1. Beggs, Chiiby, Ellson, Vial, Davies, Hensman

Final standings

NSW STATE LEAGUE

CANTERBURY..... 14 5 3 49-24 33
FAIRY MEADOW..... 14 4 4 32-15 32
SUTHERLAND..... 10 8 4 39-21 28
MELITA EAGLES..... 11 5 6 37-21 27

Ku-Ring-Gai..... 9 8 5 29-22 26
Rockdale Ilienden..... 8 6 8 29-22 22

Avala..... 7 7 8 25-24 21

Manly Warringah..... 5 9 8 20-25 19

Polonia..... 8 3 11 36-49 19

Narrabeen..... 2 9 11 16-40 13

Bankstown..... 2 6 14 18-51 10

Scorers:
12. Stefan Janic (Polonia)
11. Don Allan (Melita Eagles)

10. Nelia Borges (Canterbury), Ross Brown (Ilienden)

9. Kirwan (C), Walker (ME), Pop (Polonia)

7. Bratkovic (P), Dounis Silve (C), Fontana (FM), Beggs (S), Hause (U)

6. Carney (A), Agnostonopoulos (C), Baker (FM), Sutherland (K), Vial (ME), Gray (S)

5. Jeffery (A), Hassan (Polonia), Emanuele, Hamoud, Hosseini, T Antonopoulos, C Antonopoulos (C), Gerald, Piel, Berringer (FM), Kevern, N Williamson (K), Pahagano, Leak, Murray, G Williamson, J Dick, J Barker (MW), Dolton (ME), Gale, Van Helden (D), Nastossi, Ferguson, Slavesci (RI), Webber, Harrington (S), Lembry (A), Apenian, Ismail (B), Karasopris, Basterfield, Radman, Reginella, Kalogeras (C), Richard, Metcalf (FM), McKegan, Pahagano, Hunter (K), Holloway, Pearce, Jebarai, Gogic (MW), Griffiths, O'Rourke, Callinan (ME), Sorge, Friend, Watt, Collings, Nacinovic (N), Lasek, Vujinovic, Druc (P)

4. Mowbray, Morlando (FM), Goldsworthy, Nile (K), Campbell (MW), A Dean (N), O'Shane (U)

3. Lucchesi, Andersen (A), Chiiby (FM), Bennett (K), Wilson, Farrugia (ME), Sandner (N), Sobczyk, Drys (P), Papas, D Wilson, Ristevski

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CHANGE THE SYSTEM!

Why the famous couldn't make it

Comedian Mal Meikle relayed the apologies of various dignitaries who were unable to attend the Victorian Rothmans Medal dinner.

John Michael Howson couldn't come, said Meikle, because he was attending a drag race in Sydney.

Dennis Liles was in New Zealand, where they'd named a town after him — Whykickapakie.

Lou Richards was at the university, giving a dissertation on fine English.

John Cain was trying to explain to Brian Murray that his initials are J.C.

Malcolm Fraser was at home looking for John Kerr's phone number, following which he had to do to Tamie what he did to Australia.

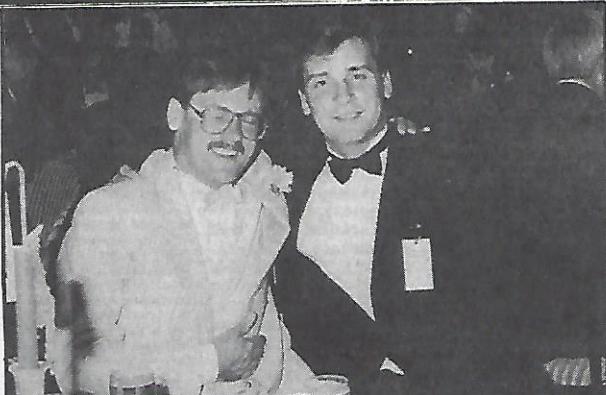
Meikle also spoke of the woman who had been raped by a BLF worker.

How did she know it was a BLF worker?

"I had to do all the work," she said. The next day he tried again, but it started to rain so he stopped.

The Minister for Sport, John Brown, chimed in later with:

"I saw John Cain and John Howard sitting together at a function. Someone said: If you had a Roman orgy, you'd send them out to buy the grapes."



Former team mates at Morwell Falcons and former Victorian Rothmans Medal winners Bobby McGuinness (left) and Jim MacLean. Pictures: LES SHORROK

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Victorian Soccer Federation and Rothmans will continue to do a disservice to the Rothmans medal as long as they include the votes of ineligible players in the final tally.

Bobby McGuinness of Western suburbs polled the most votes — 29 — but was ineligible because he had been sent off during the year.

So the medal went to Branko Culina, who came second in the voting.

The same thing happened in 1979 when Robbie Cullen, then of Meltonia, topped the poll but because he was ineligible, the medal went to Tommy Cumming.

If the ineligible votes simply were kept secret, then we would not see the shine being taken off the gold medal as it was last Friday.

Even Culina said so.

The rules of the award are specific. It is for the best and the fairest player, so if you are sent off, then you cannot win it.

McGuinness knew it all along, so he made no friends with his comments afterwards.

He said the best and fairest award was "a joke" and that his sending-off had been the result of a misunderstanding with the referee.

He said the award should be for the player of the year, not for the best and fairest player, adding that sometimes you have to be a bit unfair to be the best.

He said he was happy inasmuch as he had received more compliments than the winner. McGuinness maintained that he had been the player of the year.



The Polonia table, from left: Chez Plaskota, Davie Gibson, Rick Lapiarski, John Little, Mike Zurek and John Pater.



The Northcote table, from left: Arthur Patiniotis, George Karastavrou, Jimmy Pyrgolios and Nick Samaras.

Wests switch

Victorian State League club Western Suburbs will play at Skinner Reserve, in Churchill Avenue, Sunshine, next season.

Wests will share the ground with VFA club Sunshine. Until now, Western Suburbs have played at Ralph Street Reserve.

More for sport

The Minister for Sport, John Brown, told the Rothmans Medal dinner that until recently, the federal government spent only \$6 million on sport, but at \$19,000 million on health.

"We were spending three thousand times as much on health, rather than on preventing illness through sport. Yet we share with Finland the highest level of heart disease in the world," he said.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the latest budget allocates \$54 million to sport.



The men from Springvale, from left: Harry Healey, John Luyten, Bobby McLachlan, Ralph Settle (foreground), Keith Adams and Paul Whippy.



"Soccer Action" reporter Ken Kontra (centre) was at the Western Suburbs table. Others pictured, from left: Andy Esposito, Keiron Coyle and Messrs. Pashalis and Hadjimouratidis.

* DENOTES PLAYER SUSPENDED — NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS

22. McGuinness* (West Sub) 27. Culina (St. Alb.)

23. MacLean (Morwell) 24. Athersch (Morwell) Adams (Springvale)

25. Cassar (Morwell) Hughes* (Box Hill) 21. Webster (Franks Pines)

19. Tansey* (Croyd) 17. Culien (Franks Pines) Gibson (Pol) 16. Lycett (Box Hill) 16. Verechia (Box Hill) Livington (Croyd)

15. Palinkas (Fawk) Bruns (Morwell) Stenson* (West Sub) 14. McMillan (Box Hill), French (Croyd) Little (Pol) Bozikis (North)

13. Angele (Fawk) Warszawski* (Pol) 12. Latif (Alb) F. MacLeod (Fawlty) Patiniotis (North)

11. Patsamis (Alb) Humble (Box Hill) 10. Crotty (Frank Pines) 9. Constantino* (Thomas) Di Martino* (Thomas)

10. Patsamis (Alb) Boyle (Lipw) Fattore (Fawk) Thomas (Frank Pines) 8. Constantino (North) Hault (Ring)

9. Underwood (Knox) Raponi (Thomas) Lakin (Thomas)

8. Reilly (Alb) O'Reilly (Croyd) Beech (Croyd) Quigley (Fawk)

7. Gilmore (Alb) Bennett (Alb) Price (Alb) Brooks (Box Hill) 6. Jovicic (Alb) Tharlow (Fawk) 5. McMillan (Box Hill), French (Croyd) Little (Ring) Byrne (Knox) Murray (Ring) Kebre (Ring) Nyholm* (Ring) Humble (Spring) Mirovic (St. Alb) Debeljuk (St. Alb) Esposito (West Sub) Tuck (West Sub)

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2. Taylor* (Box) H. Harrison (Fawk) Dececco* (Fawk) Wild (Knox) Bryden (Knox) Healy (Knox) Dzurcik (Pol) 1. Gospic (Pol) Gregorczyk (Pol) Blasby (Mor F) J. Constantine (North Lee (Ring) Bell (Spring) Kustur (St. Alb) Flaherty (Thomas) Howe (St. Alb)

1. Cipri (Alb) Alfonso (Alb) Robertson (Alb) B. Roodhouse (Box H) Watson (Frank P.) Smith (Knox) Kolaric (Pol) Tutili (Mor) Storm* (Ring) Verniers (Ring) Lericot (St. Alb) Radman (St. Alb) Bruno (St. Alb) Diserardino (Thomas) Arcari (Thomas)

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Sawdon tops in Tassie

George Town United's player-coach, Peter Sawdon, won the 1985 Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania with 35 votes at a presentation function held at the Wrest Point Casino last Friday.

Sawdon received votes in 15 of the 21 matches and his tally is the third highest in the history of the award in Tasmania.

Olympia-WPL's sweeper, Peter Sherman, was second with 27 votes while Rapid's Dale Blake and Devonport City's player-coach, Phil Ashworth, finished equal third with 26 votes.

Tasmania's Minister for Sport and Recreation, Brendan Lyons, presented the winner with his medal.

"I'm absolutely on top of the world," said Sawdon. "It's an unbelievable feeling and I just couldn't explain it."

"Without my teammates, it just wouldn't have been possible. It's the biggest award I've ever won and it's the biggest I've ever likely to win."

Sawdon has been in Tasmania for five seasons, after arriving from England, and took George Town to its second successive Northern Honeychurch Premier League title this season.

It was his third championship in a row, having won the 1983 title with Launceston Juventus.

Sawdon was also the league's leading goalscorer with 26 goals and last week won the North's best and fairest honor, the George Dale award with 20 votes.

He was the only player from Tee-side in England to win the Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania. Eric Young (1982) and Ian Parker (1984) are the other two and all three players lived and played their soccer within a 30-mile radius of each other near Middlesbrough.

"I felt as though I was always in with a chance because I won the George Dale award last week but you always think that someone's going to pip you at the post," Sawdon said.

"Fortunately for me, no one did."

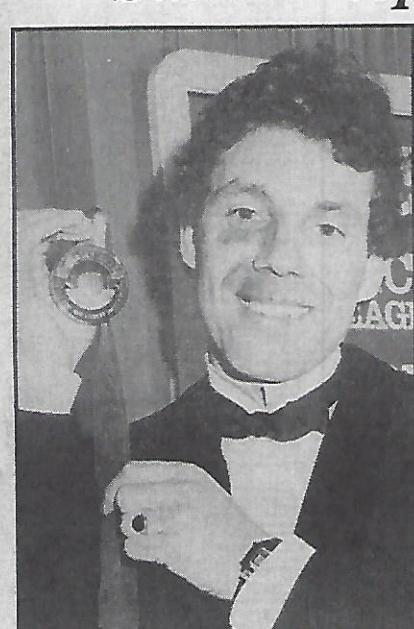
Sawdon will lead George Town against Juventus-Pioneer in the second leg of the State premiership at KGV in Glenorchy on Friday. His team has to make up a 3-0 deficit following its home defeat to Juventus last week.

Sawdon says that he will stay with George Town next season.

"I couldn't look for a better future than with the club I'm currently playing for."

"They've been absolutely magnificent to me and they're just a wonderful crowd. There's no other way to explain it."

Leading vote-getters: PETER SAWDON (George Town) 35; PETER SHERMAN (Olympia WPL) 27; DALE BLAKE (Rapid) 26; PETER THOMPSON (Croatian Gladiators) 21; SERGIO PACE (Juventus-Pioneer) 20; STEVE MORLEY (Launceston Croatia) 19; DAVID STODDART (White Eagles) 18.



George Town United player-coach Peter Sawdon, winner of the 1984 Tasmanian Rothmans Gold Medal. Picture: JAMES KERR.

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International gets court injunction

BY MICHELANGELO RUCCI

Soccer is in the courts again. South Australian club International was last week granted a Supreme Court injunction against a two-year suspension from the South-East Soccer Association.

The injunction forced the suspension of the Association's top four cup series final between Cronulla and Portland on Sunday.

International, based at Mount Gambier, was suspended and its President and Coach were banned for life last week when the SESSA board found the club guilty of inciting a riot during the first semi-final of the cup series against Portland on September 22.

But Association officials hope the dispute will be resolved out of court.

"The injunction allows the matter to be resolved internally by the Association and International officials before Friday," Association President Hans Altorf said. "I am confident

Darwin Olympic created local history by winning the league in all three grades.

Olympic is coached by former Croatia-Belgrade and Croatia-Canberra player Tony Ecimovic, with the assistant being ex-Canberra-Olympic and Croatian player Andre Papazoglou.

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Olympic	10	2	4	3	12	22
Darwin United	8	2	2	3	11	18
Mindil Aces	8	1	3	4	10	17
Casuarina	6	6	3	20	17	15
Night, R.A.O.B.	2	2	6	11	28	1
Darwin City	2	2	9	12	41	4

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Sanderson	5	5	5	26	19	15
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Real ends AEK's dream, Italians crush the rest



• Danish international Preben Elkjaer-Larsen, with his national team coach Sepp Piontek. Elkjaer-Larsen scored twice for Verona against PAOK in Salónica.

AEK Athens' euphoria in the UEFA Cup was short-lived. The 1-0 victory it had managed at home against Real Madrid was wiped out by an own goal from Lysandros Georgamlis after only five minutes, and Real went on to thump the Greeks 5-0 to win 5-1 on aggregate.

The dreams of former Socerero Eddie Krnecic were shattered meanwhile in Dresden, East Germany.

Krnecic's goal at home had given Cercle Bruges a 3-2 victory against Dynamo Dresden, but on its home ground, Dynamo won 2-1.

Vardar Skopje of Yugoslavia — former club of Socerero Zarko Odzakov — also squeezed through to the UEFA Cup on the away goals rule. A goal by Zdravkov gave Vardar a 1-0 victory, but then Dinamo Bucharest, making the aggregate score 2-2.

Juventus led an Italian 'full-house' into the second round of the three European club competitions — but a number of famous names from other European countries fell by the wayside.

While the six Italian clubs involved all safely negotiated their first-round clashes, four former European Champions Cup holders — Ajax, Celtic, Hamburg and Feyenoord — made early exits.

Ajax was eliminated from the Champions' Cup by Portuguese opponent FC Port.

Celtic, playing in front of empty terraces, was beaten at home by Atletico Madrid in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Hamburg lost out to Sparta Rotterdam in a penalty shoot-out in the UEFA cup while Dutch neighbor Feyenoord crashed out of the same competition when beaten 3-4 on aggregate by Sporting Lisbon.

It was not the only Scottish casualty.

Its Glasgow rivals Rangers lost their UEFA Cup encounter against Osasuna Pamplona, leaving Scottish champion Aberdeen, easy winner against Iceland's Akranes, Britain's best hope for a European trophy.

France also made a disastrous start in the competition and has only one survivor from five starters.

Monaco, Bordeaux, Auxerre and Metz all went out, leaving Nantes, 3-0 winners of the UEFA Cup against Iceland's Valur Reykjavik, to carry the French flag.

In Spain, Barcelona trembled, losing 0-1 at home to Sparta Prague, but scraped into the second-round of the champions' cup on away goals.

But there was glory in the same competition for Finland. Kuusy Lahti travelled to Yugoslavia and beat Sarajevo 1-2 for a 4-2 aggregate triumph.

In Turin, the eerie silence of the deserted Stadio Comunale served as a poignant reminder of the Brussels Cup final tragedy. In Brussels, Juventus was ordered to play its match against Amsterdam's Jeunesse d'Esch behind closed doors for the part played by its supporters in the riots which caused the death of 39 people.

With the Italian league leader already 5-0 up from the first-leg, there was nothing at stake and Juventus simply went on another amble to make the aggregate score 9-1.

Frenchman Michel Platini put Juventus ahead after 22 minutes, then made it 2-0 five minutes into the second-half and Aldo Serena scored the only 3-2 and 6-4 pen to take his tally to four for the team. Guillot scored a consolation goal for Jeunesse in the 74th minute.

Italy's other representative in the top competition, Verona, also reached the second round when it came away with an impressive 2-1 win against PAOK Salónica in Greece.

Once again it was the Danish international forward Preben Elkjaer-Larsen who played the hero. He scored two goals in the first-leg win and repeated the performance with goals in the 29th and 73rd minutes. PAOK had taken a fourth minute lead.

Ajax could do no better than score a goalless draw at home to Portugal's FC Porto after losing 2-0 away, and last season's semi-finalist Bordeaux of France, which suffered a shock 2-3 defeat at home to Fenerbahce, managed only a 0-0 draw in the return in Turkey.

Barcelona, struggling to find its form of last season, was stunned when visiting Sparta Prague, 0-0 ninth minute lead through Griga and in the end the Spanish side was glad to be able to rely on its 2-1 against Trakia Plovdiv.

Bayern Munich, 2-1 up from the first leg in Poland against Gornik Zabrze, fell behind after 18 minutes but finally eased through with a 4-1 win which included two goals from Hartmann.

In the Cup Winners' Cup the outstanding performance came from Atletico Madrid which, having been held 1-1 at home, came away with a 2-1 win against Celtic.

Afterwards, Celtic manager David Hay blamed the defeat on the match being played behind closed doors, following crowd violence at the Scottish club's match with Rapid Vienna last season.

"The lack of atmosphere affected the players and they just never got going," he said. "The fact that there were no fans was definitely to Atletico's advantage and they deserved to win."

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• Paul Trimboli

Awards to MacLean and Trimboli

Jim MacLean of Morell Falcons is the 1985 Bill Fleming Medal winner.

MacLean, winner of last year's Victorian Rothmans Medal, polled 32 votes, seven ahead of Western Suburbs' striker Bobby McGuinness, St Albans' Dinamo midfielder Branko Culina, winner of the 1985 Victorian Romans Medal, was third with 24 votes.

The Bill Fleming Medal is judged by a panel of soccer writers.

Paul Trimboli, already lauded as one of the most exciting teenage talents in Australian soccer, is the winner of the 1985 Weinstein Medal as the best under 16 player in Victoria.

Here are all the Bill Fleming Medal votes:

32 — MacLean (Morell)

26 — McGuinness (Suburbs)

24 — Culina (Dinamo)

17 — Webster (F'ston Pines)

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Cosentino (Thomasstown)

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Adams (Springvale)

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Frank Arok, philosopher

A few days absorbing the atmosphere of Athens and Tel Aviv brought out the philosopher in Socceroo coach Frank Arok before last night's (Tuesday's) World Cup qualifying match with Israel.

"It is stupid to allow passions to become arrogant to the extent that people want blood, revenge, sackings and so on, just over 90 minutes of football," he said.

"They are important matches, but nothing is worth all that craziness."

I want to be successful, but I am not prepared to go for victory at any price. I don't believe anyone has the right to ruin another person's livelihood," Arok said.

"If I'm going to be remembered at all, I want it to be for something positive that I've contributed to the game, not for something negative."

"Life is too short to let negative aspects dominate your life."

He said the recent death of former Socceroo Phil O'Connor, a player at St George under Arok, had shaken him.

"You realize how short life is. I never want to do anything I could be sorry for — that I would regret and want to change — because maybe I'd never get the chance."

Arok's comments were in marked contrast to his usual devil-may-care attitude.

However, he made it clear his comments didn't mean he would not allow the Australian team to play its natural, physical style.

"That's our game. If we can't play that, then we have nothing," he said.

— STEPHEN DETTRE

Kiwis hit Taiwan

NEW ZEALAND 5 (Declan Edge, Colin Walker, Steve Summer 3 (incl one pen). TAIWAN 1 (Chen Sing-An) in Auckland. Attendance: 5000.

NEW ZEALAND: Van Hattum, Mulligan, Evans, Boatth (captain), Dunford, Crosswell, Summer, Cole, Edge, Turner, Walker.

TAIWAN: In Jen (captain), Hong-Yee, Chun-Kwei, Yeo-chuan, Dang-Jeng, Jung-Tsair, Jung-Tsung, Shiao-Yung-Fu, Sing-An, Huey-Shyong, Ming-Jen.

Overall qualifying group table before the Israel v Australia match this morning (Wednesday).

W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Israel	2	0	11	8	4
New Zealand	1	1	0	5	1
Australia	6	1	8	9	10
Taiwan	0	3	1	6	0



• New Zealand goalie Frank van Hattum foils Dang-Chyan in a rare Taiwanese raid. New Zealand won this World Cup qualifying match 5-1 in Auckland last Saturday.

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must partly share that view, for he's trying to sign Ian Roodehouse from State League club Box Hill.

And in Claude Luchesse and Tommy Cumming, Gully has the men to expose flaws in the Makedonia make-up.

Luchesse had a few hassles towards the end of his stint with Makedonia, so he'd like nothing better than to stick it up his old club.

If Petersen is available, he'll slot into the Juventus

midfield position vacated by Miranda and although Rino Minichiello was substituted against George Cross, he'll probably get a berth in the starting line-up again. If Petersen isn't available, then Rob Cullen probably will drop back into midfield alongside Minichiello, Paul Wade and Fabio Incantalo with Joe Sweeney being partnered by Joe Palatsides, who scored after coming on as a substitute against George Cross.

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Non si tratta perciò di una perdita, ma piuttosto di un assennato investimento che ha dato i risultati sperati. La Juventus doveva guadagnare almeno 100 milioni di lire per il prossimo anno, con un attivo di circa \$20,000 dopo aver iniziato l'anno con un quasi doppio quoziente.

Stando agli ultimi dati del presidente Carlo Graffeo, il Fawciner ha avuto un'ottima annata sotto il profilo amministrativo finendo la stagione ufficiale con un attivo di circa \$12,000,000 dopo aver iniziato l'anno con un quasi doppio quoziente.

Carlo Graffeo e il primo ad ammettere che la squadra ha superato il risultato finanziario ed è pronto a riprendersi in mano le redini anche per il prossimo anno, intenzionato a mettere a buon frutto l'assicurazione di maggior impegno da parte dei soci che durante la passata stagione hanno dato segni di perdere entusiasmo a causa dei rovesci della squadra.

Alla Juventus la situazione è completamente l'opposto. Il presidente Schiavello ha già assicurato da tempo che, nonostante la rinuncia a reggere il timone del club per un altro anno, continuerà come principale sponsor della squadra tramite la Prima Office furniture, una ditta affiliata della Schiavello.

Purtroppo il nuovo comitato che dovrebbe contenere la maggior parte degli attuali dirigenti non sarà formato fino alla metà del prossimo anno e lo stato di incertezza attuale rischia di far svanire lentamente parte dei frutti del successo.

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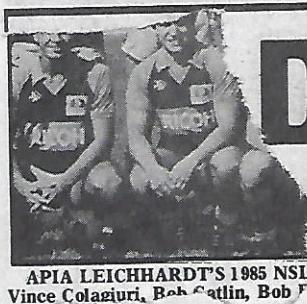
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